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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11-14, 18, 25, 29-37, 40, 42, and 46 are pending in the application. Claim 25 has been rejected. Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11-14, 18, 29-37, 40, 42, and 46 have been allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowed claims.

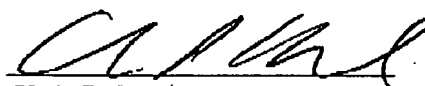
Claims 25 and also 2, 13, 14, 25, 36, and 37 herewith are amended. Claims presently active are claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11-14, 18, 25, 29-37, 40, 42, and 46. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicants have made necessary amendments to the claims in accordance with the Examiner's comments in the Office Action. These amendments are believed to now conform the claims to the requirements of the rules. In addition, similar changes have been made to claims 2, 13, 14, 25, 36, and 37 to improve antecedent basis.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendment, the claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11-14, 18, 25, 29-37, 40, 42, and 46 are now believed allowable and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

Respectfully submitted,



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